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IN THE TITLE:

Please change ~~TARGET DEFENCE SYSTEM COMPRISING A PROJECTILE  
LAUNCHER to TARGET DEFENSE SYSTEM COMPRISING A PROJECTILE  
LAUNCHER DEVICE.~~

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following titles:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the invention

Page 1, before the second paragraph, insert the title:

2. Description of the related art

Page 1, replace the second full paragraph with the following:

To protect a target, such as an armoured armored vehicle, a shelter or building, it is known to provide means enabling an attacking projectile to be spotted and a defensive projectile to be fired in retaliation to destroy, deviate and/or perturb the attacking projectile before it reaches said target. The attacking projectile is very often a missile, but may be any of other type, for example a discarding-sabot projectile, a shaped or hollow charge projectile, etc...

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Page 1, replace the fourth full paragraph with the following:

A system is also known described by patent US-5 036 748 comprising a cupola mobile in bearing with respect to an armouredarmored vehicle and supporting two launcher tubes mobile in elevation. A radar system enables the attacking missile to be spotted and the launch of an anti-missile defensive projectile to be triggered.

Page 1, replace the sixth full paragraph with the following:

Patent US-5229540, US-4765244 and FR-2458044 describe defence defense systems against attacking missiles that consist of the launch of a defensive projectile against such missiles.

Page 2, before the second paragraph add a new title and replace the second and third full paragraphs with the following:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The aim of the present invention is to supply a ~~defence~~defense system integrated into a target to be protected and which gives the latter a more compact appearance.

The invention thus relates to a ~~defence~~defense system for a target against an attacking projectile of the type incorporating a launcher device for defensive projectiles and control means for the device after the attacking projectile has been detected, wherein the launcher device comprises a cupola mobile in bearing with respect to the target and a launcher integral with the cupola and articulated in elevation in the bearing range of the cupola to ensure the compactness of the whole assembly with respect to the target.

Page 3, before the seventh paragraph, insert a new title:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 3, insert a new title before the last paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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Page 6, replace the last paragraph with the following:

Thus, a minimal variation in position of the jack 19 allows a satisfactory variation in elevation of the launcher 4. It is this arrangement in the bearing which satisfactorily ensures the compactness of the whole structure. This compactness is important in that it means that the silhouette of the target need not be greatly modified especially where the target is an armoured armored combat vehicle.